

Scottish Highlands Munro Bagging

Trip style: Challenge walks

Destination: 📍 Scottish Highlands

Trip code: GLC07-MNB01

Trip Walking Grade: ⚡ 6



Holiday Overview

Take your hillwalking to new heights on this Munro-bagging Challenge Holiday in the mighty Mamores. This dramatic Highland mountain range is home to 18 towering peaks over 3,000ft, including 10 official Munros – all ripe for conquering. Linked by a long, rugged ridge, these summits offer a thrilling test for fit and experienced walkers. Most of the walking is on good paths. However, there are sections where we walk along narrow ridges or next to steep hillsides. There are a few occasions where we will have to use hands as well as feet. With our expert leader by your side, you'll take on steep ascents, exhilarating ridgelines, and be rewarded with unforgettable views across some of Scotland's most spectacular mountain scenery.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- The sense of achievement after completing this Munro-bagging challenge
- Discovering new routes through some of Scotland's most inspiring scenery
- Bagging 10 Munros in one holiday
- Discovering the history of the region
- Walking with a small group of like-minded walkers
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 12 people)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Comfortable en-suite rooms in our country house
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Daily packed lunches
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- Guided walks with experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from walks where necessary

WALKING GRADES AND OPTIONS

You will need to be an experienced mountain walker and will need to be comfortable with long, strenuous walks on difficult mountain terrain conducted at a steady pace.

A high level of fitness and stamina is required. Most of the walking is on good paths and we will be avoiding the two Grade 1 Scrambles on the ridge, but there are sections where we walk along narrow ridges or next to steep hillsides and there are a few occasions where we will have to use hands as well as feet.

The combination of long distances and large amounts of ascent make this a challenging holiday.

Your fitness

This holiday has been designed for experienced walkers with a good level of fitness. Having a solid base of fitness before your holiday will ensure you've the best chance of completing the holiday and enjoying it to boot. Here's a few simple tips to help you get fit and ready for your challenge:

- Get out walking – whatever the weather, get out there, and start building your fitness months before your holiday
- Build your distance gradually and get a number of 6-8hr hill days in - Ideally, try and do two consecutive days training if possible
- Take the stairs every time
- Train on different terrain
- Train with your day pack and your walking boots too, to ensure they're well worn in before your holiday
- Other sports help improve your walking fitness too. The best ones are jogging, cycling, swimming, which will build your stamina, and yoga which will help strengthen your core and improve balance

Time training will help ensure you enjoy your holiday to the max.

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Day 1 Arrival Day

Check-in at the hotel is available from 16:00. If you are a member you can arrive at the house from 14:00. Enjoy a complimentary cream tea at 16:30 and meet other guests.

Day 2 Stob Ban and Mullach nan Coirean

Distance: 8.5 miles (13.5km)

Ascent: 3,850ft (1,160m)

Stob Ban (White Peak) can look as if it is covered in snow in a certain light, but the whiteness is really caused by its quartzite summit. Mullach nan Coirean (Summit of the Corries) is more of a reddish colour and is the broad summit at the western end of the range.

Starting in Glen Nevis, we ascend through a beautiful valley on a good but stony path to the Mamores ridge. We ascend next to a cliff, to the summit of Stob Ban. There then follows a pleasant two mile ridge walk with great views on a clear day, to Mullach nan Coirean, taking in a Munro Top along the way before descending to a forest path that takes us back to our starting point.

Day 3 Am Bodach and Sgurr a' Mhaim

Distance: 7.5 miles (12km)

Ascent: 4,400ft (1,340m)

Starting in Kinlochleven, we follow the West Highland Way for a short distance before heading north to the main ridge through a high corrie (Coire na h-Eirghe). We ascend Am Bodach (The Old Man) then retrace our steps and ascend Sgurr an Iubhair (Peak of the Yew Tree) which was a Munro until 1997 but is now a 'Top'. At this point we turn north west and ascend Stob Choire a Mhail.

We cross the narrow and airy Devil's Ridge, bypassing the difficult scrambling to reach the summit of Sgurr a' Mhaim (Peak of the Breast). We then descend steeply into Glen Nevis. The first section of the descent path is on quartzite scree.

Day 4 Free Day - Scottish Highlands

Discover more about [Alltshellach and the local area](#) for ideas on how to make the most of your free day.

Day 5 Binnein Mor and Na Gruagaichean

Distance: 11.5 miles (18.5 km)

Ascent: 4,550ft (1,380m)

Starting in Kinlochleven, we walk through a beautiful deciduous wood and pass several waterfalls before ascending to the pipeline that takes water from Loch Eilde Mor to the Blackwater Reservoir. We follow this as it traverses across the hillside with views along Loch Leven and out to sea. We then walk alongside Loch Eilde Mor and ascend by a different route from day 6, to Coire an Lochain.

We follow a delightful zig-zag stalkers' path up to Sgurr Eilde Beag and Binnein Mor South Top before following a narrow ridge out to Binnein Mor (Big Peak), the highest of the Mamores. From here we can gaze across at Ben Nevis and look down into the depths of Glen Nevis.

We retrace our steps a little before following another ridge that is narrow in places to the first of the twin summits of Na Gruagaichean (The Maidens), which is a Munro. We descend south to re-join the Old Military Road and a path back down into Kinlochleven.

Day 6 Binnein Beag and Sgurr Eilde Mor

Distance: 12 miles (19.5km)

Ascent: 5,000ft (1,520m)

This is a long day spent tackling the two outlier Munros. Starting in Kinlochleven, we take a look at the magnificent Grey Mare's waterfall before following a good but eroded track up to the Old Military Road built in the 18th Century. We then have a stalkers' path to follow, up to the splendid Coire an Lochain.

Another stalkers' path takes us to the base of Binnein Beag (Small peak) with hopefully, views across to the Grey Corries. We ascend this stony conical peak over scree and schistose boulders before returning to Coire an Lochain and ascending Sgurr Eilde Mor (Big Peak of the Hind) on similar terrain, before re-tracing our steps back to Kinlochleven.

Day 7 An Gearanach and Stob Coire a' Chairn

Distance: 8 miles (13 km)

Ascent: 3,500 feet (1,060m)

We are dropped off at the top car park in Glen Nevis. Then we have a beautiful gorge walk into the hanging valley at Steall where the third highest waterfall in Scotland cascades down above a wire bridge, which we balance across. We walk below the waterfall and ascend on a steep winding path to the summit of An Gearanach at which point we might understand its name (The Complainer)!

We continue along a narrow ridge to An Garbhanach (The Rough One), descending and re-ascending onto Stob Coire a' Chairn (Peak of the Corrie of the Cairn) before following a delightful engineered path tramped by generations of deerstalkers into Coire na Ba and then descend into Kinlochleven for a well earned drink.

Day 8 Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Daily Walk Options



Harder Walks

Our most challenging walks where high levels of fitness and stamina are required. Walks will be long and strenuous in difficult mountain terrain.

Accommodation

Alltshellach, Glencoe

For a combination of mountain views, olde-worlde charm, and somewhere comfortable to sleep, this stately Scottish house in North Ballachulish has an enviable setting right on the shores of Loch Leven. The walking opportunities here are as every bit rugged and romantic as you'd expect, especially around Glen Coe, the Mamores, Kinlochleven, Bidean nam Bian, and Ben Nevis – the 1,345-metre-high peak towering above glistening lochans and glacial valleys in the north-west Highlands. You can also spend time in Fort William and ride the Hogwarts-esque Jacobite steam train as it makes its way through beauty spots such as Loch Eil, Glenfinnan, and Arisaig to the fishing port of Mallaig.

Check-In & Check-Out

You are welcome to check in from 4pm at the earliest. HF Members can check in earlier, from 2pm. On arrival, you'll enjoy a complimentary cream tea and get to meet your fellow guests, our HF Holidays Leaders, and the rest of the friendly team. Check out 10am.

About

- 38 well-appointed guest rooms • Exclusive occupancy: 53 guests minimum • Check in from 4:00pm • For members check in from 2:00pm • Full-board (including cream tea on arrival) • Free Wi-Fi • Free on-site parking • Boot room and drying room • 2 travel cots & 2 high chairs • Discovery Point offering a wide range of local area maps, route guides, and information for self-guided walks • Indoor pool
- Books and games to borrow • Licensed bar • Three lounges • Lawns and wooded grounds leading down to Loch Leven • Electric vehicle charging point - Please note, you will need to bring your own cables to use this EV charging point



Food & drink

Seasonal dining, tailored for you

Our team of skilled chefs design our dinner menus to showcase the best of each season, from warming winter comfort food to vibrant summer dishes, including vegetarian, vegan and high-protein options. We also source fruit and vegetables within a 40-mile radius of each house, open every break with a Chef's Special menu inspired by dishes and flavours of the local area, and are able to adapt dishes to suit special dietary requirements.

Welcome Cream Tea

What better way to start your stay than with a cream tea, served fresh on arrival to make you feel instantly at home. A quintessentially English tradition, our scones are baked in-house and served with preserves and clotted cream, providing the perfect opportunity to meet fellow walkers.

A hearty breakfast to start the day

Start the day with a freshly-prepared cooked breakfast and a wide choice from our continental buffet, including hot drinks, juices and fresh fruit. Our team offer a quick and friendly service, leaving you fuelled and ready for your day's adventures.

Our famous picnic lunch

Our personalised picnic lunches are perfect for a day out walking, ready to enjoy when hunger strikes. Choose from a large selection of fresh sandwiches and salads, freshly baked cakes and snacks, including the ever-popular Freddos chocolate bar! Everything is designed to fit neatly into your rucksack, and all of the packaging we provide is recyclable or compostable.

3-course evening meals

Our à la carte evening menus feature a wide choice of starters, mains, and desserts, made with seasonal ingredients and, wherever possible, herbs and vegetables from our own gardens. Shared around sociable tables, dinners are relaxed occasions, with drinks available to order at the table or from the bar, and a traditional Sunday roast to round off the week.

Rooms

Designed with your comfort in mind, Alltshellach has 38 well-appointed guest rooms available in three categories: Classic, Premium, and Superior.

Classic Rooms are comfortable en-suite guest rooms, ideal for a peaceful night's sleep. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, and shower gel), and a TV.

Premium Rooms are more spacious en-suite guest rooms*. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers.

Superior Rooms are even more spacious en-suite guest rooms offering upgraded views of the surroundings*. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers.

We love: Room 21 for its extra space, corner position, and gorgeous views across Loch Leven. Equally fabulous is Room 23 (known as the Bishop's Room) on the second floor.

The **Choose Your Room** service is available at our UK country houses, allowing you the option of choosing and confirming a specific room for an extra charge of £30 per room. This is subject to availability. Upgrade supplements apply.

Room supplements

Superior	Premium single	Premium double/twin	Choose your room
£25 pppn	£20 pppn	£20 pppn	£30 per room

*Views and layout reflect each properties unique character and location

*Please note, pool opening hours are: 07:00am – 09:00am 16:00pm – 18:30pm

Accessibility

For accessibility and assistance information, please contact our expert team on [020 3974 8865](tel:02039748865) or view the accessibility information online for [Alltshellach](https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/alltshellach)

About your stay

A warm welcome

We want you to feel comfortable from the moment you arrive. You'll find a welcome pack in your room with guest registration forms, menus, order forms for dinners and picnic lunches, the Wi-Fi password, and the front door code. Our houses are locked at night, so we recommend noting the Duty Manager's number on arrival in case of an emergency (or getting locked out).

Evening entertainment

While evening entertainment varies from house to house, HF Holidays Inter-House Quiz night held after dinner on Wednesdays is a weekly staple. Your HF Holidays leader may be around for tips on guided and self-guided walking routes as well as visit-worthy local attractions.

Walks talks

Our HF Holidays walk leaders host guided walking information briefings before dinner on guided walking holiday arrival days. This is followed by a group Walks Talk for information on the following day's guided walks (held before dinner every evening). Self-guided walking guests are, of course, welcome.

The walking day

Prior to setting off on guided walks, your HF Holidays Leader will run you through a short safety briefing. There's also an up-to-date weather forecast on display at the house to ensure you have appropriate clothing and footwear. If you choose to do your own walks or are on a self-guided walking holiday, we ask that you please complete an Independent Walker Card each day. These can be found near the Discovery Point in the house.

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Travel Details

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NEW: Return Flights from London Heathrow to Glasgow, plus airport transfers to Alltshellach only £350pp. Call us to book

By shared transfer

If you are travelling to or from Alltshellach on Saturdays or over the festive period you can join our group coach transfer from Glasgow's Buchanan Street Bus Station or Glasgow Airport.

2026 prices are £85 per person for a return transfer or £55 per person for a single transfer.

Outward journey: Depart Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station at 15:15 or Glasgow Airport at 15:45; arrive at Alltshellach at 18:30.

Return journey: Depart Alltshellach at 08:30; arrive at Glasgow Airport at 11:30 or Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station at 12:00.

Places are limited so booking is essential. We recommend booking at least 14 days in advance by contacting:

HF Holidays Sales and Support Team

Tel: [+44 \(0\)203 974 8865](tel:+44(0)2039748865)

Email: This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

By train

The nearest station is Fort William.

Or you can take the train to Glasgow then the Scottish Citylink bus or our group coach transfer to Alltshellach.

Check National Rail for train times and routes.

By taxi

The journey from Glasgow city centre is 97 miles, which takes around 2.5 hours.

By bus

Scottish Citylink bus numbers 914 or 915 run from Glasgow Buchanan Street and Glasgow International Airport.

Ask the driver to stop at the north side of Ballachulish Bridge. From here you'll need to walk 400m to Alltshellach.

By car

From Glasgow take the A82 towards Crianlarich then Fort William. Once you reach Ballachulish go straight on at the roundabout over the steel bridge and take the second right on to the B863 towards Kinlochleven. Alltshellach is 400 yards on your right.

By air

The nearest airport is Glasgow International Airport.

You can take the Citylink bus 915 (2.5 hours) or join our group coach transfer (2.75 hours).

If you fly into Manchester Airport, there are direct and indirect trains to Glasgow. Approximate journey time is four hours plus your transfer to Alltshellach.

Local Area

Whether you're enjoying a guided or self-guided walking holiday, there's always the opportunity to linger for longer. Here's our pick of the very best things to see and do within easy travelling distance of Alltshellach.

Ballachulish

Split into three (North Ballachulish, South Ballachulish and Ballachulish Village), the village was once famous for its slate. Nowadays, one of the best-known attractions is the 9-hole Woodlands Golf Course, formally known as The Dragon's Tooth.

Fort William

Nicknamed the Outdoor Capital of the UK, this West Highland town on the banks of Loch Linnhe is a 25-minute drive away. The town centre has a high street with an excellent selection of shops selling outdoor clothing and walking equipment.

Jacobite Steam Train

Making its way through beauty spots such as Loch Eil, Glenfinnan and Arisaig as it travels to the fishing port of Mallaig, riding this Hogwarts-esque steam train is a must for *Harry Potter* fans. Trains run daily and early booking is recommended.

Isle of Mull

Reached by car ferry from Oban or Lochaline, this Inner Hebridean island is home to Tobermory – the colourful town featured in children's TV series, *Balamory*. Don't miss Duart Castle, the ancestral home of Clan Maclean – one of the oldest Highlands families.

Isle of Lismore

After hiring bikes at Port Appin, a 30-minute drive away, it's just a short ferry crossing to this quiet and rural island. Must-dos include making the most of the walking and cycling opportunities, spotting all manner of wildlife, and visiting the Lismore Gaelic Heritage Centre.

Oban

As the unofficial capital of the West Highlands of Scotland and the Gateway to the Hebridean Isles, this harbour town is a 45-minute drive away. The climb to McCaig's Tower rewards with spectacular views across Oban Bay to the Atlantic Islands.

Eilean Donan Castle

Claiming to be the most-photographed Scottish castle, this ancient stronghold worth the 80-mile drive. It opened to the public in 1955 and has since become one of the country's best-loved attractions. Most interesting is the banqueting hall, kitchen, and main keep.

Useful Holiday Information

The UK has a famously unpredictable climate so it's best to be prepared for weather that's sunny one minute and raining the next. To make it easier, here's a list of items you should consider packing.

Essentials

- Suitable footwear such as waterproof walking boots that provide ankle support and good grip
- Waterproof and windproof jacket
- Comfortable clothing (jeans & waterproof capes are not suitable)
- Mid-layer(s) to keep you warm. Fleece(s) make a good choice
- Waterproof overtrousers
- Gloves and a warm hat
- Rucksack with waterproof liner
- Flask for hot drinks
- Water bottle (at least 1 litre capacity)
- Sunscreen
- UV sunglasses

For holidays operating October through to the end of March, please also bring the following on your walks:

- spare warm clothing
- spare high energy food
- head torch and spare batteries
- please note for the October to March season your waterproof jacket needs to offer a high level of waterproofing and wind resistance, and a hood. Look for a waterproof jacket with sealed/taped seams and a minimum HH (hydrostatic head - this is the rating given on waterproof jackets) of 10,000mm+

Recommended

- Several base layers (long-sleeve or short-sleeve)
- Cushioned walking socks to avoid blisters
- First aid kit, including plasters and insect repellent and tick remover tool
- Sit mat
- Waterproof pouch for valuables
- Rubbish bag (remember to always leave no trace)
- Wallet/purse
- Camera
- Walking poles

Tripnote validity

TRIP NOTE VALIDITY These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred. In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary. The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

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